



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

EDWIN

SMITH

Sunrise:

September 22, 1934

Sunset:

December 28, 2019

Service

Friday, January 17, 2020 - 12:00 Noon

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OBITUARY

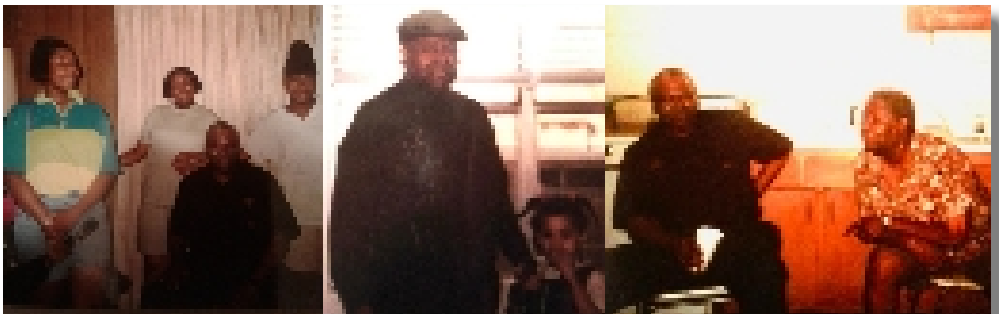
Edwin Smith, Jr. was born in Monroe, Louisiana on September 22, 1934. His parents were Edwin Sr. and Henrietta Smith. Edwin came from a very large family with ten siblings, Sadie, Joe, James, Janie, Dorothy, Beverly, Johnnie, Joann, Arthur and Betty.

As soon as Edwin finished high school, he came with his cousin to New York to escape racism in the South. At this time a relationship between Penina Sills and Edwin produced two children, Nina Sills and Yolanda Sills.

Edwin was a cook by trade and worked until he was about 70 years old, but in the meanwhile he loved watching movies, playing Dominoes, and enjoying his only grandchild, Peni. Edwin enjoyed cooking and politics. He once met and heard Malcolm X speak. One of his greatest accomplishments was working at the Taj Mahal in Atlantic City.

Throughout the years he loss eight sisters and brothers also a daughter, Nina Sills in 2016; and a brother, Johnnie Smith in 2019 the same week that Edwin passed.

Edwin Smith, Jr. was survived by: his youngest daughter, Yolanda Sills; granddaughter, Peni Denyse Roman; great grandchildren, Amari Edwin and Amara Lily Davis; two sisters, Betty Crawford and Joann Smith; and brother, Arthur Smith.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Selection

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Remarks

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Committal

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INTERMENT

St. Raymond's Cemetery
Bronx, New York

I'M FREE

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day.

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.*

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown



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